



# **NEWSLETTER**

## **FEBRUARY 2023**

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## ● Secretary Report -

In the last 3 weeks Topaz and I have played 'dancing on Ice' and 'synchronised swimming.' Things seem to have calmed down a little and he is now singularly playing 'life of a hippopotamus!'

Plans are well on their way to offer you all lots of activities this year; the Spring Show schedule is further down this newsletter. We would be very grateful for lots of help as it can be a long day! Either email Jill or myself and we will get back to you - thank you in advance.

Emma has started our on-line quiz (I have already scored 'nil point') and the first photos of this year for the photography competition (winter weather) have been wonderful. Results are being decided as I type. This is free to enter for any current BHRC member.

I hope to catch up with you all soon as we come out of winter hibernation and enjoy the sunshine. Tricia x

## ● Transporting Horses -

This topic of conversation came up at the last committee meeting, so I have done some research. It is part of an on-line post.

### **Worst case scenarios - From Horse & Hound; July 2022**

*If you get caught up in traffic on the motorway and you're worried about the welfare of your horse, your first port of call is to ring 101. Get your concerns logged as soon as you can, so you have plenty of time to create a plan.*

*"If it's over 25°C, and you have horses on board, you need to call 101 to alert them prior to making any decisions," says the British Grooms Association. "It is not OK to use the hard shoulder, and the police would be required to be alerted if you were in a situation where the horses were distressed."*

*While it's tempting to drive straight on to the hard shoulder and leave at the next exit, you'd be opening yourself up to prosecution and getting a fine and points. As the British Grooms Association states, "the hard shoulder is there for use in emergencies only."*

## ● The Just Gem Bursary -

Saturday 4th March at The Conquest Centre, with Karen Court BHSII

- 11.00 am - 11.45 am = flatwork
- 12.00 - 12.45 pm = pole work
- 1.00 pm - 1.45 pm = jumping (any height, Karen is very adaptable!)

No more than 3 in each group, **book with Tricia via email -**

[triciabudd24@gmail.com](mailto:triciabudd24@gmail.com) - . Your place will be reserved on a 'first come, first served' basis. I will keep a waiting list.

## ● Spring Show -

The schedule and entry form are below. You can also enter via Equo, but the class price is set at £10. There is no way to filter BHRC members from non-members on Equo, so if you do enter using this method, I can issue a credit note, as long as you are a 2023 member.

## ● Just Jem Rosettes -

I am happy to take any unwanted/spare rosettes you may have and I will transform them for club use. It doesn't matter how tatty they are, or that you don't want to part with all your firsts and seconds! Nearly all I have been donated so far has been reused, including all the rosettes at the AGM. Tricia x

## ● Area 12 news -

### Hat tagging.

BRC hat tagging is taking place at all BRC Area Qualifiers and BRC championships. Please be aware if you are attending and have your hat ready for inspection. The BRC tag colour is currently PINK from January 2023. Your hat will be inspected for the current safety standard marks and numbers; this will only take a few minutes. Anyone competing at an Area qualifier will need a tag which can have been tagged by the Pony Club or BE.

[Please refer to the current BRC Handbook for details of hat and body protector standards](#)

**SPRING IN-HAND &  
RIDDEN SHOW**  
ON  
**SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023**  
AT  
**HEAZLE RIDING CENTRE**  
HEAZLE FARM, CLAYHIDON  
WELLINGTON, SOMERSET EX15 3TH

INCLUDING QUALIFIERS FOR  
THE SOUTH WEST PONY ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIPS  
PLUS  
**QUALIFIERS FOR THE**  
**SWPA SUPREME IN-HAND & RIDDEN FINALS**

Hon. Show Secretary  
Mrs J Perrior  
Newtown Farm  
Bickenhall  
Taunton TA3 6UF  
Tel: 01823 480349

**ENTRIES VIA EQUO**

(closing date 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023)

**ENTRY FEES: BHRC Members £7 Non-Members £10 (£1 extra on the day)**

**NO CHEQUES WILL BE ACCEPTED ON THE DAY OF THE SHOW**

Online schedules can be downloaded from: [www.blackdownhillsridingclub.co.uk](http://www.blackdownhillsridingclub.co.uk)  
or find us on Facebook

**Refreshments by: COMPETE & EAT**

**IN-HAND SHOWING**

**Commencing 9.00am**

(entries need not be registered unless specified)

**JUDGE: TBA**

**CLASS 1 - YOUNGSTOCK - OPEN** QUALIFIER FOR SWPA CHAMPIONSHIPS  
Yearlings, Two & Three Year Olds - May be split into age groups if sufficient entries

**CLASS 2 - MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND** QUALIFIER FOR SWPA CHAMPIONSHIPS(M)  
To be registered with the appropriate society and shown in accordance with the rules of that society - May be split Small/Large if sufficient entries

**CLASS 3 - COLOURED HORSE or PONY** QUALIFIER FOR SWPA CHAMPIONSHIPS (D)  
To include Piebald, Skewbald, Appaloosa, Spotted, Palomino, Dun & Buckskin

**CLASS 4 - OPEN HORSE** QUALIFIER FOR SWPA CHAMPIONSHIPS (B, E, X)  
Exceeding 148cms (Exhibitors in this class may not enter class 5)

**CLASS 5 - OPEN PONY** QUALIFIER FOR SWPA CHAMPIONSHIPS (F, G, H)  
Not exceeding 153cms (Exhibitors in this class may not enter class 4)

**CLASS 6 - FOREIGN BREEDS / ARABS** QUALIFIER FOR SWPA CHAMPIONSHIPS (A, T)  
Any breed not native to the British Isles and their Part-Breds

**CLASS 7 - COBS** QUALIFIER FOR SWPA CHAMPIONSHIPS (C)  
To include Show, Maxi, Traditional & Gypsy – To be shown unplaited

**CLASS 8 – HEAVY & HAIRY**  
Open to draught horse types

**CLASS 9 - VETERAN HORSE or PONY** QUALIFIER FOR SWPA CHAMPIONSHIPS (V)  
15 yrs and over

Special Rosettes for the Oldest Horse / Pony and the Oldest Combination

**CLASS 10 - CHILD HANDLER** QUALIFIER FOR SWPA CHAMPIONSHIPS (P)

Handlers to have achieved their 6<sup>th</sup> birthday but not their 18<sup>th</sup> by the 1<sup>st</sup> January in the current year - Class may be split if sufficient entries - No colts or stallions - Hard Hats to the current standard must be worn for this class

### **IN-HAND CHAMPIONSHIP**

**1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> from classes 1-7 & 9 & 10**

**THIS CHAMPIONSHIP IS A QUALIFIER FOR THE SWPA WYNSAND IN-HAND FINAL  
TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY EVENING 31 AUGUST 2023**

**The Champion will qualify for the 2023 SWPA Wynsands In-Hand Final.**

(Qualification may be passed down to the Reserve Champion if the Champion has previously qualified) **Qualification Card and Rosette will be presented in the ring.**

Please follow the instructions on the card, for any further information please contact  
Richard on 07774 451156

### **THREE TIER ROSETTES TO 6<sup>TH</sup> PLACE IN ALL CLASSES**

#### **SPECIAL ROSETTE TO THE HIGHEST PLACED BHRC MEMBER IN EACH CLASS**

**MEMBERS CUP:** The BHRC member gaining the most points (1<sup>st</sup> = 6 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> = 5 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> = 4 points, 4<sup>th</sup> = 3 points, 5<sup>th</sup> = 2 points, 6<sup>th</sup> = 1 point) over all classes on the day will awarded a cup at the 2023 AGM (your 2023 membership fee must have paid before, or on the day of the show)

### **RIDDEN SHOWING**

**Not before 1.00 pm**

(entries need not be registered unless specified)

**JUDGE: TBA**

#### **CLASS 11 - BEST TURNOUT - OPEN**

To include In-Hand & Ridden

#### **CLASS 12 - NOVICE RIDDEN - OPEN** QUALIFIER FOR SWPA CHAMPIONSHIPS (N, N1, N2, N3)

Horse or Pony not to have been placed 1<sup>st</sup> in any ridden class – Snaffle bridles to be worn

#### **CLASS 13 - LEAD REIN PONY** QUALIFIER FOR SWPA CHAMPIONSHIPS (K A, B & C)

Riders 8yrs & under – Snaffle bridles to be worn

Rosette to all entries

#### **CLASS 14 – FIRST RIDDEN PONY** QUALIFIER FOR SWPA CHAMPIONSHIPS (K A1, B1, & C1)

Riders 12yrs & under – Snaffle bridles to be worn

Rosette to all entries

#### **CLASS 15 - VETERAN HORSE or PONY** QUALIFIER FOR SWPA CHAMPIONSHIPS (V1)

15 yrs and over.

Special Rosettes for the Oldest Horse / Pony and the Oldest Combination

#### **CLASS 16 - MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND** QUALIFIER FOR SWPA CHAMPIONSHIPS (M1)

To be registered with the appropriate society and shown in accordance with the rules of that society - May be split Small/Large if sufficient entries

#### **CLASS 17 - COLOURED HORSE or PONY** QUALIFIER FOR SWPA CHAMPIONSHIPS (D1)

To include Piebald, Skewbald, Appaloosa, Spotted, Palomino, Dun & Buckskin

#### **CLASS 18 - FOREIGN BREEDS / ARABS** QUALIFIER FOR SWPA CHAMPIONSHIPS (A1, T1)

Any breed not native to the British Isles and their Part-Breds

**CLASS 19 - OPEN RIDDEN HORSE** QUALIFIER FOR SWPA CHAMPIONSHIPS (A1, B1, E1, F1, W1, X1) **Exceeding 148 cms (Exhibitors in this class may not enter class 20)**

#### **CLASS 20 - OPEN RIDDEN PONY** QUALIFIER FOR SWPA CHAMPIONSHIPS (F1, G1, H1, H2)

Not exceeding 153cms (Exhibitors in this class may not enter class 19)

#### **CLASS 21 - COBS** QUALIFIER FOR SWPA CHAMPIONSHIPS (C1 & C2)

To include Show, Maxi, Traditional & Gypsy – To be shown unplaited

#### **CLASS 22 - SPORTS HORSE or PONY** QUALIFIER FOR SWPA CHAMPIONSHIPS (R1 & R2)

May be split, Not exceeding 148 cm / Exceeding 148cm, if sufficient entries.

### **RIDDEN CHAMPIONSHIP**

**1st & 2nd from Classes 12 – 22**

**This Championship is a qualifier for the SWPA Wynsands Ridden Final**

**TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY EVENING 02 SEPTEMBER 2023**

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## • Merchandise -

Gillet's £42.50

Polo t-shirts £17.50

Long sleeve Polo's £22.50

Rugby shirt. £25.00

Hoodie £22.50

Bum bags £9.00



ALL ORDERS TO DEANA, PLEASE.

## • Training -

All details are on our website - [blackdownhillsrc.co.uk/events](http://blackdownhillsrc.co.uk/events).

### Training Cancellation Policy

**Full Payment is required to confirm your place, and must be received 1 week before the rally date please.**

**Later entries will be accepted if space allows.**

**Payments via BACS or cheque posted to organiser. Payment online - please quote your surname and date of the event/training you are paying for.**

**There will be NO refunds for withdrawals unless the space is filled from a waiting list or a late entry**

## ● Membership -

Please allow 2 weeks for your details to be added to the BRC database as this is when the BRC insurance is activated. I usually do it within 48 hours of receiving your membership form and I try to acknowledge all members once I have processed their form, but mistakes do happen and I have been known to go on holiday the day before a membership form has reached me. I don't take the database with me on holiday!

The BHRC year runs from the 1<sup>st</sup> January - 31<sup>st</sup> December

## ● Dressage Restrictions

From September 2021, the following will be put in each BHRC dressage schedule - “RESTRICTED: Combination of horse and rider not to have been placed 1<sup>st</sup> where there were 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> placings or more”

## ● Contact numbers

**Chairwoman** – Kate Hopper, Pleasant House, Clayhidon, Cullompton, Devon.  
EX15 3TS. 07707815610 [huskykate4@gmail.com](mailto:huskykate4@gmail.com)

**Secretary** – Tricia Budd, 24, Newlands Grove, Ruishton, Taunton, Somerset.  
TA3 5JJ. 01823 442597 [triciabudd24@gmail.com](mailto:triciabudd24@gmail.com)

**Treasurer** – Deana Rowland, Coombe Hill House, Symonsburrow, Hemyock, Devon.  
EX16 3XA. 01823 680021 [deanarowland2@aol.com](mailto:deanarowland2@aol.com)

## ● Data Protection -

If you have ticked the box on your membership form - ‘I do not give consent’ - for your photo to be used on our Facebook page, website and newsletter, please can you introduce yourself to the organiser at each BHRC event you attend. Whilst every effort will be made by BHRC not to use your photo, images of members in backgrounds may at times be unavoidable and BHRC cannot take responsibility for third parties taking and using images.

## • Making a BHRC payment -

It would help Deana, our treasurer, enormously if you included the following information on your BACs payments.

- ❖ If you are paying for flatwork training try to include 'flat/date (of the event)/surname'
- ❖ If you are paying for jumping training it is 'jump/date/surname'
- ❖ Lectures are 'lecture/date/surname'
- ❖ Rallies - 'rally/date (of the event)/surname'
- ❖ Membership - member/surname

## • Health and Safety -

If you travel alone to events with your horse, we suggest you download something like the form below and put it in a prominent position in your horsebox/car whilst you are riding. Due to data protection laws, committee members cannot readily access your details from the BRC database. We also suggest you consider wearing a medical armband, especially for cross country training.

**A rider wearing a ROYAL BLUE arm band is hard of hearing** - BRC handbook

**RED** - Red ribbons signify a horse kicks.

**GREEN** - A green ribbon means that the horse is inexperienced.

**BLUE** - It is helpful for stallion handlers to put this colour ribbon in their horses' tail, especially if you have a mare as it warns you to stay away.

**WHITE**: White ribbons are helpful for letting others know that this horse is for sale.



# I.C.E.

## In Case of Emergency

My Name is \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

### Medical Information

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

My Family Doctor \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

### Medications I take

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

### In Case of Emergency PLEASE Notify

Name \_\_\_\_\_ My \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ My \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ My \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ My \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ My \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ My \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

# ETIQUETTE FOR RIDING IN AN ARENA and WARMING UP AT

## ALL BHRC COMPETITIONS.

1. Pass left shoulder to left shoulder (thus, a horse on the left-rein on the track has right of way).
2. A slower moving horse (walking) keeps to the inside track. When walking or halting, do so 5m off the track in order to keep the track clear for faster moving horses (i.e. cantering horses).
3. A horse doing lateral work has right of way.
4. A horse doing more advanced work (tempi changes, extended trot, etc.) has right of way. If you would like to use the diagonal or centre-line, please announce it in a clear voice (ie "Diagonal please!").
5. Be aware of stallions, they can be unpredictable and should be treated with respect.
6. Be aware of your fellow riders and ride considerately:
7. Try not to stop suddenly and don't deliberately cut across someone else's path,
8. Don't obstruct the entrance/exit, or the track,
9. When entering the riding arena, make sure you do not get in the way of approaching riders. If the entrance or view to the entire arena is obstructed, announce in a clear voice "Door/gate please", before entering, in order to prevent accidents,
10. Give riders ample room when passing them so they don't get pushed up against the railings of the arena, whether passing from behind or in front.
11. When passing, make sure your whip does not inadvertently touch the other horse.
12. Don't gallop past riders in the arena.
13. If you have a fractious or young horse, use the riding and lunging arenas to settle him but not at the expense of everyone else's safety. Also, if you see a young or fractious, horse, try not to upset them
14. Instruction from the side of the arena is allowed, but not at the expense of distracting other riders or to the detriment of the image of our sport - instructors and riders are encouraged to use microphones and earpieces in order to minimise distractions.
15. Make sure which tack is allowed in the warm-up ring at competitions, as it can lead to elimination.
16. Only the person competing can warm up the horse in the arena.
17. Practice fences must be flagged in order that they are jumped in one direction only. Red flags on the right, white flags on the left.
18. The height and spreads of practice fences must not exceed the maximum dimensions allowed for the competition in progress.
19. No pole or other articles of any kind are to be held by hand for the horse/pony to jump
20. It is the BHRC committee's duty is to protect the sport and ensure safe and fair warm-up experience for all competitors. Their decision is final: if you are reprimanded or warned, obey graciously and learn from your mistakes.



# Membership Form 2023

Website – [blackdownhillsrc.co.uk](http://blackdownhillsrc.co.uk)

**Completed membership form** to be sent to: Mrs Tricia Budd, 24, Newlands Grove, Ruishton, Taunton, Somerset, TA3 5JJ. [triciabudd24@gmail.com](mailto:triciabudd24@gmail.com)

Contact Name

.....

Address and Post code.....

Telephone.....Email.....

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**Senior - £28, Junior - £23 (age from 6 to 18 years)**  
**For 2 members of the same family, £5 discount.**

First Name	Surname	New member?	Riding activities	DOB if junior

**I ENCLOSE CHEQUE/CASH FOR £..... payable to BHRC OR I HAVE SENT A BACS PAYMENT OF**

**£.....ON..... (Date) WITH REFERENCE ..... (Surname)**

**NatWest – sort code 60-23-05, account no; 74506439 Blackdown Hills Riding Club**

**Volunteering:** We depend upon the support of our members in order to function as a club. We request all members to help out on **one** occasion each year. By joining BHRC, you consent to us contacting you in relation to volunteering.

**Data Protection:** I agree to data relating to my membership being held by BHRC. I agree that this data may be disclosed to British Riding Clubs. Please tick here  if you DO NOT give consent for your photo to be used. Whilst every effort will be made by BHRC not to use your photo, images of members in backgrounds may at times be unavoidable and BHRC cannot take responsibility for third parties taking and using images.

- I agree to data relating to me being held by BHRC and passed to BHS British Riding Clubs.
- I agree to my contact details being released to the committee or other members for the purpose of riding club activities
- I agree to help at one event or club run activity during the year
- I agree to abide by BRC rules

**ENTRY FORM**  
**BHRC INDOOR SPRING SHOW 26th March 2023**

Entries to: Mrs J Perrior, Newtown Farm, Bickenhall, Taunton TA3 6UF  
 TEL: 01823 480349 E-MAIL: jillperrior@yahoo.co.uk  
 BHRC Members £7 Non-Members £10

POSTAL ENTRIES CLOSE 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023 (late entries and on the day £1 extra)

CLASS	HORSE	RIDER/HANDLER	BHRC MEMBER	FEE

**TOTAL**

NAME: .....

ADDRESS: .....

.....

TEL. NO: .....

EMAIL ADDRESS: .....

ICE DETAILS: .....

Entry denotes compliance with the rules and conditions of the show

SIGNATURE ..... DATE.....

I enclose a cheque to the value of: £..... Payable to Blackdown Hills Riding Club

I have sent a BACS payment of: £..... on: .....(date)

with reference: SHOW 26/09/21 ..... (surname)

NatWest Sort Code 60-23-05 Account no: 74506439 Blackdown Hills Riding Club

**NO CHEQUES WILL ACCEPTED ON THE DAY OF THE SHOW – CASH ONLY**